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- 1. IN SEPARATE RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPTOFF, POLISH AND ROMANIAN EMBOFFS HAVE INDICATED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HERE IS HINTING AT POSSIBLE MOVES AT CSCE TOWARD TAKING COMPROMISE POSITIONS ON CBMS. THEIR REMARKS ECHO COMMENTS OF SOVIET REP STASHEVSKI TO UK REP AT CSCE AS REPORTED REFTEL PARA THREE AND TO US REP PER GENEVA 1048.
- 2. ON TIMING OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS, BOTH ROMANIAN AND POLE SUGGESTED SOVIETS MIGHT AGREE TO "APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS." AS FOR AREA, BOTH SAID SOVIETS STUDYING POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS IN 500 KILOMETER ZONE ALONG WESTERN USSR BORDER. NEITHER INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET READINESS TO DATE, HOWEVER, TO COMPROMISE ON THRESHHOLD OF NOTIFICATION.
- 3. ROMANIAN EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT BUCHAREST BELIEVES SOVIETS MOTIVATED ESPECIALLY BY DESIRE TO SHOW REASONABLENESS AND TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS ON CSCE SECURITY MEASURES, WHICH COULD PROVOKE GREATER WEST EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. RUSH

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